

Leanne's Top 10 Favorite Brainstorming Methods

1. Write an autobiography of your main characters, their childhood, history, most embarrassing moments, etc... You may learn something new that will help you move forward.
2. Morning time. Got this from Ms. Fabulous Cindy Gerard. Set your clock fifteen minutes early and when you wake up, don't get out of bed. Lay there and allow your mind to wander about your book. Your mind is somewhat fresh and you're rested before you get hit with the crap of the day.
3. From Ann Lamott's wonderful book, BIRD BY BIRD, try only to write what you can see in a 2" x 2" picture frame. My friend Cindy puts it this way, "Don't try to eat the whole elephant in one sitting."
4. Also from Ann Lamott and the Amazing CHERRY ADAIR: Give yourself permission to write crap. Cherry recently saved me by actually giving me the assignment to write crap. You can fix it later.
5. Make a collage about your book.
6. Braintstorm with: A writer friend. A non-writer friend. A newbie. Someone who writes in a different genre.
7. From Dixie Browning, who is also an artist: "When you don't know what to do next, throw a splash of red on the painting." In other words, do something unexpected, perhaps even shocking.
8. Reconsider what you did that got you in the corner. Is there a small change you can make that will give you more options?
9. Choose a soundtrack for your book.
10. My very favorite technique that has saved me too many times to count. Make a list of 20 possibilities. No editing allowed. This is great for just about everything. 20 possible ways to demonstrate conflict, 20 ways to describe the hero, 20 scenes to get the hero and shero together...

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